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Examiner: Nathan M. Curs
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DEMULTIPLEXING
NON-INTENSITY MODULATED WAVELENGTH
DIVISION (WDM) SIGNALS

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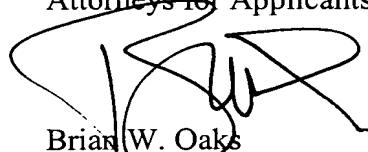
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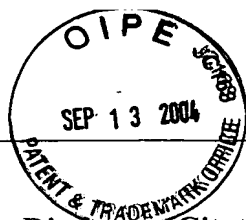


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